

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12, 14-15, 21, 22, 25-28, 30 and 31 are pending in this application in view of the Amendment of October 29, 2007.

By this supplemental Amendment, claims 1, 12 and 26 have been amended, and claim 31 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is believed to have been added by the Amendment. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12, 14-15, 21, 22, 25-28 and 30 would be pending.

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner again for the teleconference on October 30, 2007 in which the Examiner made a few more suggestions in view of the Rapata reference. Per the teleconference, the Applicants respectfully submit additional changes to the claims to address the Examiner's additional concerns including those with respect to the embodiment of Fig. 1 of Rapata.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103:

Claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, 21-22, 25-28 and 30 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dochterman (US 2,722,618) in view of Rapata (US 3,110,338).

Further to those arguments set forth in the Amendment of October 29, 2007, the claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references for the additional reasons set forth below.

Claim 1, as further amend, is directed to an arrangement in which the base extension tab of the fastener is configured to contact an interior wall but not the exterior wall of the motor assembly, the extension block of the fastener is configured to contact an exterior wall

but not the interior wall of the motor assembly, the fastener is rigid and the cross-section of the base extension tab in the lateral direction is smaller than the dimensions of the fastening aperture.

As reflected in the claim, the fastener of claim 1 is not a snap-in type plastic anchor member as shown and described in any of the various embodiments of Rapata. These further changes also additionally distinguish over the anchor embodiment of Fig. 1 of Rapata which does not show a rigid fastener with the cross-section of the base extension tab in the lateral direction being smaller than the dimensions of the fastening aperture.

In view of the foregoing, claim 1 and its dependent claims are believed to be further distinguishable over the cited references. For similar reasons, claims 12 and 26 (also amended) and their dependent claims are also believed to be distinguishable over the cited references. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

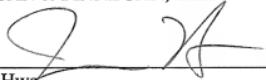
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0403-4107US1.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0403-4107US1.

Respectfully submitted,
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